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## A PARENTHESIS IN ETERNITY

Chapter: The Basis of Mysticism

Topic: *The Two Worlds*

With such spiritual discernment, this outer world becomes only a symbol, a shell, almost a "suffer it to be so now."

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## AWAKENING MYSTICAL CONSCIOUSNESS

Chapter: The Mystic and Healing

1958 Second Sydney/ Melbourne Closed Class

Topic:

Spiritual discernment. . . requires a greater devotion than would be necessary in trying to learn a new language or to play a musical instrument.

To do spiritual healing, you have to have the inner discernment that sees *I* as the life of individual being.

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## BEYOND WORDS AND THOUGHTS

Chapter: Incorporeality: God, Man, and Universe

1963 Kailua Private Class

Topic: *In Healing You Are Dealing With Incorporeal Man*

521:2

When you are in this ministry, healing is not too difficult because you do not have bones to set, fevers to reduce, digestive systems to change, false appetites to get rid of, or sins to overcome, and you do not have to go around preaching to people not to smoke or drink. None of this is part of your ministry. You are dealing with an incorporeal God manifest as an incorporeal man, and you are living, moving, and having your being in the consciousness of this. . . Let your student or your patient present any pictures he wants to present to you, but be careful that you have the spiritual capacity not to want to change them, the spiritual faculty of discernment, the Soul-faculty.

Many persons, in moments of spiritual discernment, have witnessed the incorporeal form of man, I, too, have beheld that incorporeal form hundreds of times, because when a person is in the Spirit, that is all he can behold. Must that not be how the idea that men are equal originally developed?

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## CONSCIOUSNESS IN TRANSITION

Chapter: Opening Consciousness to Truth

1948

Topic:

Don't believe what your eyes see, that is what I am trying to tell you—even if it is a good picture. It is always only a finite interpretation of the infinitely real which is there waiting to be spiritually discerned, waiting to be realized with your spiritual senses—with the sense of feeling.

Chapter: Spiritual Healing

1948

Topic:

Take my word for it, in the kingdom of God there is never a rotting tree or a beautiful rose destroyed. That is all part of our false conception of God, creation! God's creation is intact; it is perfect, harmonious; it is right here! But I cannot see it with my physical eyes. I can discern it with my spiritual eyes. I can discern it through spiritual sense or through spiritual consciousness. That is what we call Christ-consciousness.

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## CONSCIOUSNESS IS WHAT I AM

Chapter: The Fourth-dimensional Consciousness

1962-1963

Topic: *The Fourth-dimensional Consciousness Brings Spiritual Discernment And Transcends*

It was not by any human means that [the Master] perceived the nature of the life that the woman at the well was living, but through living in the fourth Dimension, he could see into the third dimension and discern her state of consciousness. . . In this way he was able to select his disciples, the best that were available at the time, those most able to stand with him, those most able to grasp what he had to teach, and those most nearly ready for the Experience.

As our spiritual vision increases and our spiritual consciousness unfolds, we, too, will have the gift of discernment in some degree and be able to see some of the experiences of the past, the present, and the future. At first we will probably wonder what is happening to us, but all that is happening is that we are now manifesting some measure of the fourth-dimensional Consciousness which enables us to see into the human mind.

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## CONSCIOUSNESS TRANSFORMED

Chapter: Christ Coming into Ascendancy  
Topic:

1964

I think it is safe to say the this first side of tape number 4, 1964 Honolulu Series [#540] gives you the working tools with which to develop the spiritual power of discernment or the capacity of spiritual discernment.

Whenever you are going through a period of unhappiness, illness, lack of peace, [lack] of prosperity, or frustration, remember that this has nothing to do with your outer world. You will be tempted to believe that the external world is causing the difficulty, but this is not so at all. If you can discern that this represents a battle going on within you, you will quickly achieve victory just through the ability to discern that no person or condition or situation is doing anything to you. This is a battle within you in which your higher self is seeking ascendancy over the mortal sense into which you were born. . . Then you will find that this outer world is already heaven.

Chapter: Into the Mystical Consciousness  
Topic:

1964

It takes as long as is necessary to develop the consciousness that can look at barrenness and see God at work, without attempting to “make it so.” Suppose you are looking at a tree that appears to be dying. . . Through spiritual discernment alone, you have to agree that there is no evil, no death, no destructive power, and therefore there is no need for a God to change anything, improve anything, or heal anything. So whether or not that tree dies is up to who is beholding it. . . The beholder of God in action bears witness to God in action.

Illumination consists of spiritual discernment that sees through the appearances and sees omnipresence, omniscience, omnipotence. . . [It] does not react to appearances but can rest and say, “What did hinder you?” or “Arise, take up thy bed.” The difficult part is this: God is always God, but not separate and apart from my being, or your being, or his being, or her being.

Chapter: removing the veil  
Topic:

7/14/1963

The veil is always on the truth as long as you do not know the name of God, and the veil has been removed once you discover the name of God because this discovery requires spiritual discernment.

Chapter: the man who has his being in Christ  
Topic:

1964

Be assured it is only through spiritual discernment that you will be able to see that there is no evil in man and no evil on earth, and that there are no destructive powers in heaven or on earth or in hell. . . Practice [this message] until the ability has been fully developed to look out on this world of man, things, and conditions, without that word “I” beginning to form its judgment. Rather, you will say to this personal sense of I, “Be still. . . Be still and know that I am God,” and then listen to the word, to the judgment of God that is uttered within you, and thereby behold this universe as it is, in the image of God.

There is no devil to handle you and no God to help you. There is just this: Are you living through personal sense or are you developing spiritual discernment.

Chapter: three lost secrets  
Topic:

1964

If two or more of us unite in this meditation, we will be lifted up to that point of spiritual discernment; then the voice can speak, either through my lips or it may speak directly through your consciousness.

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## CONSCIOUSNESS UNFOLDING

Chapter: Gratitude  
Topic: *Gratitude*

1949

The only real gratitude is that which is felt for the gift of spiritual discernment.

Chapter: The Christ  
Topic: *The Christ*

1949

Christ is a presence and power beyond your human ability to realize. It can be discerned only through your developed spiritual sense, because it takes something far greater than the brain or intellect to perceive the Christ. It takes spiritual awareness, spiritual alertness, and that comes in proportion as the world means less and less to you.

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## GOD, THE SUBSTANCE OF ALL FORM

Chapter: Fulfillment of Consciousness  
Topic: *Behold The Spiritual Universe*

1949

You will not succeed while you are trying to make sick bodies well. Success in healing work is attained when you are able to turn away from the outer picture entirely, recognizing that it is illusion, and turn within, realizing omnipresent, omnipotent God, and discerning the reality of God's creation.

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## LEAVE YOUR NETS

Chapter: The Call  
Topic:

Pamphlet  
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Now the seeker begins to realize some measure of his oneness with God, and he eventually discerns that Spirit really is the essence and very fiber of his being. The realization of divine sonship is unfolding, a conscious awareness of Spirit and Its law and being. The Christ, or son of God, is being born again in the manger of human consciousness, and evolves by stages to the degree of manhood in Christ, to the full stature of sonship or God-consciousness.

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## LIVING BETWEEN TWO WORLDS

Chapter: The Power and Dominion  
Topic: *Conducting A Successful Spiritual Healing Ministry*

1964 Portland Special Class & 1964 Oahu/maui Series  
552:2 or 549:2

If we have been granted any degree of spiritual discernment so that we can behold the *I* of every individual and receive It into our consciousness, acknowledge It, welcome It, and bless It, then we transform our world.

Chapter: The World of Material and the World of Spiritual Discernment  
Topic: *Spiritual Discernment Reveals Infinity*

1964 Oahu/maui Series  
546:2

Material sense has to do with quantities and qualities, but spiritual discernment has no awareness of quantities or qualities—not even large quantities, not even good qualities. Spiritual discernment knows only the allness of invisible Spirit. It sees God as the consciousness of individual being.

If we would benefit the world, we must forget about praying for peace on earth. . . we must look through appearances with the power of spiritual discernment and behold God's creation and God's government of man and of the earth including the weather and the climate.

The ability to move from the world of material sense into the world of spiritual discernment is proportionate to our ability to close our eyes to the appearance and wait for that inner intuition, the voice of God, to reveal to us the truth of what we are beholding.

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## LIVING BY THE WORD

Eventually, as the light dawns more and more in our consciousness, we will find that others will come to us. At first, it will be a miracle how they even knew that we were interested in spiritual things. It is always puzzling as to how people discern this without even knowing; but as they come, we do not send them away: we accept the responsibility, taking this attitude: "If God sent this individual to me, then it is only that God may respond, and so I will meditate." Our whole responsibility is to feel that inner assurance of God's presence, and let it perform the work.

## LIVING NOW

We cannot discern with the mind but only when ordained with spiritual consciousness.

## SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT

When you attain spiritual discernment, you will know that regardless of what mistake anyone makes, he is making it out of an ignorance of truth and in no other way.

To the evolved and developed spiritual consciousness, you are not seen as a human being made up partly of good and partly of evil, partly of mind and partly of matter. This is because the evolved spiritual consciousness is not looking at your body; it is not looking at your mind: it is communing with you; it knows you as the child of God. Wherever there is an evolved spiritual awareness, there is a discernment of your true being, your true nature, and it is for this reason that healing at the spiritual level is without effort. No suggestions are thrown at you for the purpose of convincing you or changing your state of mind. Spiritual consciousness does not take you into consideration, for there is no you separate and apart from God and God's spiritual kingdom. The evolved or developed spiritual consciousness is not thinking of treating or healing you. It is you who are reaching this consciousness and seeking for help, but this consciousness is realizing only God, one infinite Being, infinitely manifested. It has evolved to the place where it ignores appearances.

We are called upon to leave our nets, to leave the physical sense of universe, sun, moon, stars, mountains, seas, and human body, and come unto *Me*, and see as *I* see, hear as *I* hear, discern as *I* do the spiritual nature of this universe, and then find that heaven is established on earth.

The truth is that the Garden of Eden was never in any particular place because the Garden of Eden is a state of divine consciousness. We live in It here and now in proportion as we can discern the nature and character of man as he is in the image and likeness of God and as we can discern the mountains, valleys, trees, streams, and oceans as they are as God's creation.

Illumination is really the power of the spiritual discernment of an individual, and it is this that brings healing: not *a* God, not *the* God, not God. Only the developed or natural spiritual discernment of an individual performs the miracle.

When Peter acknowledged, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God," the Master could say to Peter, "Flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.' You have not been able to discern this of yourself. It is the Father within you, the power of spiritual discernment within you, that has enabled you to behold the Christ of me."

Receptivity is not something over which we have control, We cannot blame anyone for a lack of receptivity, nor can we give credit to anyone who has receptivity, because it is not of him: it is of God. . . We have to wait for the Spirit to open us from the bud that we are when we come to this work to the full-blown flower that eventually we will be. . . Since we know the goal and since we know the only way of attainment is the further development of this spiritual capacity of discernment, we know that it involves practice, practice, constant practice.

Everyone has spiritual discernment. That is why the Master could pick his disciples from fishermen and tax collectors. He knew that everyone has it, and he could teach them how to stop taking thought for their fish and their fishermen's nets and tell them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."

In the very moment that we have decided not to judge by appearances, we have set something within us in the direction of the development of the Soul-faculty of spiritual discernment. We have established an agreement within ourselves that what we see, hear, taste, touch, and smell has nothing to do with a person as he is, and we have agreed within ourselves that we cannot judge him by any of the human standards of the five physical senses. Therefore we must wait on God; we must wait for spiritual discernment to reveal him to us as he is.

In order to attain the consciousness of no judgment, we must do this with cars, dogs, trees, mountains, and oceans. We must stop loving oceans just because our nature may happen to be one that enjoys being close to the sea. We must stop loving mountains just because our nature happens to be one that responds to being in high places, and we must begin to discern the mountains and the sea from God's standpoint.

We build the capacity of spiritual discernment as we agree that God's universe is wholly good and wholly spiritual. With our eyes we cannot believe this, nor with our ears. Our mind will never convince us of this, because our mind is seeing, hearing, tasting, touching, and smelling too much of evil. Therefore, we must be still; we must attain quietness and peace and the ability to live in that attitude so that instead of indulging our likes and dislikes, instead of judging by appearances, we let the spiritual faculty within us discern the nature of that which is appearing to us and being revealed to us. Then It ultimately tells us, "This is My son, in whom I am well pleased." When the voice says that, light has appeared and the darkness goes, and someone says. "I am healed."

Every time we invest anything or anybody with any quality of humanhood, positive or negative, we can withdraw it and turn to this power of discernment that is within and ask for light. Then we will receive light on its true nature and, as this develops, by beholding more and more of Christhood, we become more and more of the Christ.

We have no right to believe that we can give good to anyone, even good health, or that we can withhold it from another. We can neither give nor withhold: we can only discern. . . But if we are developing the inner capacity of spiritual discernment, we can discern the nature of the image and likeness of God, and then in proportion to the measure of receptivity, there is healing. It may be an instantaneous healing or it may be long-drawn-out.

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## SPIRITUAL INTERPRETATION OF SCRIPTURE

Chapter: Scriptural Symbols  
Topic: (*scriptural Symbols*)

1947

Truth cannot be intellectually discerned.

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## SPIRITUAL POWER OF TRUTH

Chapter: Christ Of Being

Topic:

Do not believe for a moment that if I hold someone in bondage, I myself am going to be free. That is utter nonsense! "As ye sow, so shall ye reap" is a law that cannot be broken. The only way to stop erroneous reaping is to stop erroneous sowing. Erroneous sowing only takes place "up here," in consciousness, in thought. It is determined by what I am willing to see "out there." Either I am willing to spiritually discern that you are the Christ, or I am going to judge by human appearances by saying, "Well, you are the child of Jones, Brown, or Smith." It is up to me! "Choose ye this day whom you will serve—Truth or error, spiritual Truth or human knowledge.

Chapter: Universal Hypnotism

Topic:

How often it happens that a patient says, "My trouble is sensuality," or the practitioner says, "I've discerned that you're too sensual." Now you see, that just pins it onto the individual and makes healing an impossibility. If you do detect those things, then it's only a sign that this individual is being handled by that subliminal perception, that universal or carnal mind, in that way. Then realize that this is an attribute of nothingness, or the carnal mind. It cannot use the Child of God as an avenue, as a channel, or as an instrument, because it's a nothingness itself—no presence, no power, no law to sustain any such thing.

Chapter: Your True identity

Topic:

The story goes on that [the disciples] did put all that they had into this common fund in the care of Peter. However, Sapphira and her husband decided to hold out a little. Peter discerned this and he said to them, "You have not done this unto us, you have done this unto God." In other words, there is no us but God Selfhood, and so it is unto God that they had done this. We are told that both Sapphira and her husband dropped dead. In the very moment they consciously wronged God, the evil winged back on them and destroyed them. God didn't do it. The evil that they aimed at this band of disciples really came up against the Selfhood of God, which is invisible and incorporeal. There was nothing there and nobody there to receive it, and it had to boomerang right back on the sender.

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## THE 1954 INFINITE WAY LETTERS

Chapter: The Great Secret

Topic:

Remember this—never set up warfare with persons or conditions, but take these into your consciousness and there resolve them by seeing that they have no power over you. . . . Once you have done that you will know the greatest secret of life: you will have found it possible to be in the world but not of it. You will have found how not to resist evil, and how you need not be concerned for anyone or anything that might deprive you of this, that, or the other thing. You will have learned to go two miles instead of one, and you will have learned that it makes no difference if one dollar or a million dollars are taken from you, since the value will not be in the dollars but in the consciousness of truth within your own being, and through this spiritual discernment you will understand the real values.

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## THE ALTITUDE OF PRAYER

Chapter: God is Omnipotent

Topic: *God Is Omnipotent*

1968 L

In the discernment of spiritual light, disease goes nowhere because it was never really a presence.

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## THE ART OF MEDITATION

Even a little understanding of God enables us to discern, in a measure, God's life, love, and joy embodied in man and the universe. In this understanding, our life and love expand and become more pure, joyous, and free, leading us into a higher dimension of life. We begin to live not so much in the world of effect as in the world of cause, discovering our good in the Cause of all that exists rather than in effect—in things, persons, or places. The more understanding we have of Cause, God, the greater is our enjoyment of all persons and things.

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### THE EARLY YEARS (32-46)

Chapter: Consciousness  
Topic:

Nothing that seems materially true is true; nothing that is materially discerned is real; nothing that is claimed for matter has any basis. None of these have any place in the pure consciousness of life—which is man—and none have power for good or evil.

Chapter: Problems  
Topic:

The only God there is, is principle, the principle of our being, and it would be impossible for our affairs to get outside the operation of this law. Then all the error, inharmony, discord, that is apparent to us is, as a matter of fact, not present at all, but exists only as belief and must be so understood. A belief operates as a law only until its true nature is discerned, just as the belief that 3 x 3 is 8 vanishes without any further effort on our part. We do not have to destroy it or rise above it, because it vanishes of its own nothingness, its non-existence.

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### THE INFINITE WAY

Chapter: Spiritual Illumination  
Topic: *Spiritual Illumination*

1946

Discords are to be reinterpreted until reality is discerned.

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### THE INFINITE WAY LETTERS 1955

Chapter: Christmas, 1955  
Topic: *The True Source Of All Good*

1955 Kailua Study Group  
118:2

By faith we mean that quality of spiritual consciousness which discerns even without physical evidence.  
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Chapter: Meditation for Beginners  
Topic: *Love Is The Fulfilling Of Law*

1955

Discern that God is the center and circumference of every individual being (whether the individual knows it or not),

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### THE INFINITE WAY LETTERS 1956

Chapter: The Christ  
Topic: *The Christ*

1956

Faith is an inner spiritual discernment whereby we behold the Christ and feel inwardly that which the world knows not.

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### THE JOURNEY BACK TO THE FATHER'S HOUSE

Prayer, therefore, need not have any words or thoughts, because the divine presence knows all about what we say or think, even before we ask, even before we speak. It is folly to waste time thinking thoughts and speaking words when all we need to do is to be silent and let this light that is within us search "the joints and marrow, and [be] a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." We are rewarded in accord with what we really are, not what we pretend to be outwardly.

It has always been believed that it would take a person anywhere from six to nine years to be able to grasp truth, even though when the truth was given to him it could be given to him in one sentence. . . Men have tried to give forth truth in a capsule or even in a book, but it is not possible. The mind of the natural man, the mind with which or into which he is born, cannot accept truth. Because of that, there must be a period between the time that a person's interest in truth is aroused and the time when his consciousness is prepared to accept it, that is, when he arrives at a point of spiritual discernment. Paul made this clear in his teachings when he spoke of the inability of "the natural man" to receive truth. Even though the ultimate statement of truth were given to us, it would be meaningless.

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### THE LETTERS '32-'46

Belief operates as law only until its true nature is discerned.

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### THE MASTER SPEAKS

Discernment means no sense of ownership no desire in any form.

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### THE THUNDER OF SILENCE

No spiritual teaching can ever be understood, believed, or accepted by the unillumined mind which can only grasp what can be seen, heard, tasted, touched, or smelled. The unillumined mind cannot comprehend the spiritual Presence or *no-power*, because before spiritual wisdom can be understood, the Soul-faculties must be opened, and spiritual discernment aroused or awakened. All humans are asleep—asleep in the belief of material and mental powers, asleep to the reality of spiritual being, to the transcendental and mystical Presence and Power which men call God.

Now we perceive that man is not flesh, but consciousness, possessing only spiritual qualities. We discern that there is a creative Principle which produces Its own image and likeness, and that this creative Principle is also the sustaining Principle of life, and therefore Its creation must necessarily be of Its own essence—Life, Love, Spirit, Soul. This is the true nature of man.